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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF AL-HAMDI VISIT TO ABU DHABI

1. ON EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE WITH SHAIKH ZAYID TO FRANCE, I HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TALK BRIEFLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI ABOUT AL-HAMDI VISIT. I MENTIONED MESSAGE THAT AL-ASNAJ HAD BEEN ANXIOUS TO GET TO UAEG ABOUT INFILTRATION BY UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS HERE. SUWAIDI SAID THAT MATTER HAD BEEN TAKEN CARE OF EVEN PRIOR TO AL-ASNAJ'S ARRIVAL

WITH AL-HAMDI. SUWAIDI HAD SEEN AL-ASNAJ' EMISSARIES AND HAD RECEIVED THEIR INFORMATION. AS A RESULT OF IT, SEVERAL YEMENIS HERE HAD BEEN DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING AND THEN RELEASED. SUWAIDI SAID DECISION HAD BEEN TO LET THESE PEOPLE GO BOTH AS WARNING TO THEM AND OTHERS, AND ALSO SO AS TO BE ABLE TO WATCH THEM.

2. I ASKED FOREIGN MINISTER WHETHER ANY FURTHER COMMITMENTS OF ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN MADE TO YEMEN AS RESULT THIS VISIT. SUWAIDI SAID FORTUNATELY YEMEN'S REQUESTS HAD BEEN "MODEST" ON THIS OCCASION BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT FOR ABU DHABI, GIVEN ITS TIGHT FINANCIAL SITUATION AT PRESENT, TO HAVE PROMISED ANY FURTHER SIGNIFICANT ASSISTANCE. YEMENIS HAD ASKED FOR MORE UAE ASSISTANCE IN FIELD

OF EDUCATION--SUWAIDI MENTIONED REQUEST FOR 100 TEACHERS AS WELL AS  
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FUNDSCOR BUILDING SCHOOLS--ON WHICH UAEG WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO

BE OF SOME LSSIEHANCE. YEMENIS HAD ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PRESENT UAE ASSISTANCE ON SANA-MARIB ROAD COULD BE EXTENDED TO HELP WITH EONSTRUCTION OF NEQ MARIB DAM. THIS REQUEST WOULD BE STUDIED. IN MILITARY FIELD,AL-HAMDI HAD ASKED ABU DHABI TO SUPPLY FUNDS FOR 3 NAVAL PATROL CRAFT, AND TO PROVIDE SOME AMMUNITION AND BRITISH MADE

ANTI-TANK MISSILES WHICH ABU DHABI DEFENCE FORCE HAD IN ITS INVENTORIES. SUWAIDI SAID HE BELIEVED ABU DHABI WOULD MEET THESE MILITARY REQUESTS. SUWAIDI EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IN SPITE OF GREAT FINANCIAL SITUATION IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR UAEG TO CONTINUE ITS HELP FOR YEMEN. FIRST, BECAUSE "IT IS MOST DESERVING COUNTRY OF ALL THOSE WE GIVE ASSISTANCE TO" AND SECOND, BECAUSE YEMEN'S SECURITY AFFECTED SECURITY OF ARABIAN PENINSULA GENERALLY AND THEREFORE OF UAEG.

3. I SAID BOTH THESE REASONS SOUNDED VALID TO ME. I TOLD HIM THAT FROM REPORTING WE HAD SEEN FROM EMBASSY SANA IT APPEARED AL-HAMDI WAS DOING EXCELLENT JOB OF PUTTING TOGETHER THE BASIS FOR STRONG, MODERATE RULE. WE BELIEVED HE SHOULD BE SUPPORTED AND USG WAS DOING WHAT IT COULD

BILATERALLY. WE WERE ALSO HAPPY TO HEAR THAT UAE CONSIDERED IT IMPORTANT TO MODERNIZEITS OWN ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN. STERNER

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